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SHIFTING OF ITEMS UNDER OGL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of items shifted to OGL;

(b) the names and number of items which have been transferred to Small Scale Industries(SSIs);

(c) the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of SSIs?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d) Import restrictions on 714 tariff lines, at 8 digit level, were removed on 31.03.2000. Out of these 714 tariff lines, 58 tariff lines are of interest to small scale industries. The list of these 58 tariff lines is enclosed. Import restrictions on these 58 tariff lines have been removed as part of our International obligations. However, all imports in the country are subject to applicable rates of custom duties. Government is aware of the emerging scenario for the SSI Units and has taken several steps to help them become globally competitive. These include special focus on areas such as technology up-gradation, infrastructure assistance through the cluster approach, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management practices, use of electronic infrastructure, marketing and timely information dissemination, including sensitization of small industries to the emerging challenges of trade liberalization. The government also proposes to take following specific steps for helping the SSI Units:

(1) A scheme of credit guarantee is being launched shortly, for which a provision of Rs. 100 crores has been made in the Budget for the year 2000-2001.

(2) In the Union Budget 2000-2001 the operation of the special scheme called the Technology Development and Modernisation Fund of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), is proposed to be extended by another three years.

(3) The Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries is planning to introduce a scheme of interest support to small scale entrepreneurs going in for technology up-gradation and modernization.

(4) In the amendments to the Export and Import Policy, announced on 31.03.2000, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme has been liberalized to include SSI Sector, which now can import capital goods required for export production at a concessional duty rate of 5%.

LIST OF 58 ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SSI WHERE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN REMOVED WITH EFFECT 31.03.2000(AT 8 DIGIT LEVEL)

S.No.	Exim code	Item description
1.	Ex 400591.09	Other plates, sheets and strips of compounded rubber.
2.	Ex 401610.00	Other articles of cellular rubber.
3.	401699.06	Rubber cushion.
4.	482090.00	Other articles of stationery of paper or paper board.
5.	482360.00	Trays, dishes, plates, cups and the like, of paper or paper board.
6.	Ex 482370.09	Other moulded or pressed articles of paper pulp.

7 640319.01 Other sports footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers of leather.

8. 640319.02 Other sports footwear with outer soles of rubber and uppers of leather.

9. 640319.09 Other sports footwear with outer soles of plastics or composition leather and uppers of leather.
10. 640320.01 All leather closed toe footwear.
11. 640320.02 All leather open toe footwear.
12. 640320.03 Footwear with leather soles and embroidered uppers.
13. 640320.09 Other footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers which consist of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe.
14. 640340.00 Other footwear with outer sole of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of leather, incorporating a protective metal toe-cap.
15. 640351.01 All leather shoes, covering the ankle.
16. 640351.09 Other footwear with outer soles of leather, covering the ankle.
17. 640359.00 Other footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers of leather.
18. 640399.01 Leather sandles with rubber soles.
19. 640399.02 Leather sandles with plastic and synthetic sole.
20. 640411.01 Sports footwear; tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, rubber sole with canvas upper.
21. 640411.02 Sports footwear; tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, rubber sole with leather cloth uppers.
22. 640411.09 Sports footwear; tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, others.
23. 640419.01 Other sports footwear, rubber sole with canvas uppers.
24. 640419.02 Other sports footwear, rubber sole with leather cloth uppers.
25. 640419.09 Other sports footwear, other.
26. 640420.00 Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather.
27. 680221.01 Marble blocks or tiles, polished.
28. 680223.01 Granite blocks or tiles, polished.
29. 681019.01 Cement tiles for mosaic.
30. 681130.01 Asbestos-cement pipes.
31. 690490.00 Ceramic flooring blocks, support or filler tiles, and the like.
32. 690510.00 Ceramic roofing tiles.
33. 690790.00 Unglazed ceramic flags and paving, earth or wall tiles, unglazed ceramic mosaic cubes and the like.
34. 690810.01 Ceramic mosaic cubes, the largest surface area of which is capable of being enclosed in a square the side of which is less than 7cm.
35. 690810.02 Ceramic mosaic tiles, the largest surface area of which is capable of being enclosed in a square the side of which is less than 7 cm.
36. 690810.09 Other glazed ceramic tiles, cubes and similar articles, the largest surface area of which is capable of being enclosed in a square the side of which is less than 7cm.
37. 690890.01 Ceramic mosaic cubes, other.
38. 690890.02 Ceramic mosaic tiles, other.
39. 690990.00 Ceramic troughs, tubs and cellular receptacles of a kind used in agriculture; ceramic pots, jars and similar articles of a kind used for the conveyance or packing of goods.
40. 691010.00 Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary fixtures of porcelain or china.
41. 691090.00 Ceramic sanitary fixtures, other.
42. 691190.00 Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles, of other ceramics.
43. 691200.03 Clay articles as tableware, kitchenware and other household articles.
44. 691200.09 Other ceramic household articles, other than of porcelain or china.
45. 691310.00 Statuettes and other ornamental articles, of porcelain or china.
46. 691390.00 Statuettes and other ornamental ceramic articles.
47. 700910.00 Rear view mirrors for vehicles.
48. 701321.00 Drinking glasses, of lead crystal.
49. 701339.00 Other glassware of a kind used for table or kitchen purposes.
50. 701399.00 Glassware of a kind used for toilet, office, indoor decoration or similar purposes, other.
51. 701810.02 Glass beads, imitation pearls, imitation precious and semi precious stones.
52. 701810.09 Other similar glass small wares.
53. Ex 702000.00 Other articles of glass.
54. 841451.02 Ceiling fans, with a self- contained electric motor of an output not exceeding 125 W.
55. 841451.03 Pedestal fans, with a self-contained electric motor of an output not exceeding 125 W.
56. Ex 850410.00 Ballasts for discharge lamps or tubes, other than for compact fluorescent lamps.
57. 851679.09 Other electrothermic appliances.
58. 853110.00 Burglar or fire alarms and similar apparatus.